GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2379
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HANDING OVER OF FRANKING MACHINES TO PRIVATE PARTIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of franking machines, being used in post offices, has been handed over to private firms;

(b) if so, the reasons for its privatisation despite sufficient number of departmental employees working in it;

(c) whether cases related to misuse of these machines and fraud by private firms have come to the notice of the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, whether the Government will conduct any investigation in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, individual/commercial bulk mailers are licensed to use franking machines of approved make/models.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Cases relating to misuse of franking machine used by licensed individual/commercial bulk mailers are given at Annexure.

(e) & (f): Do not arise in view of (c) & (d) above.
Annexure

DETAILS OF MISUSE OF FRANKING MACHINES BY LICENSED INDIVIDUAL/COMMERCIAL BULK MAILERS

Sl. No.	Circle	Particulars of licensee
1.	A.P.	Nil
2.	Assam	1. LICI Branch No. 1, Jorhat 2. LICI Branch No. 2, Jorhat 3. The Peerless General Finance Investment, Jorhat 4. Dy. General Manager, SBI, Zonal Office, Jorhat 5. Br. Manager, LICI, P&GS unit, Rajabari, Jorhat.
3.	Bihar	Nil
4.	Chhatisgarh	Nil
5.	Delhi	1. M/s Tirupati Services, E-414, Greater Kailash, Ph II, New Delhi - 48, License No. DL-4/265/03, DL-4/25/97-98 2. Rupam Marketing Network Pvt. Ltd., C-81, South Ganesh Nagar, Delhi-92, License No. G3/DL-2/0025/04-08, SMS DL-1/00/00-01

6.	Gujarat	1. M/s Bramvishma, Data and Mailing Agent, Vadodara 2. M/s Great Mailing Service 3. M/s Vishal Consultancy Service 4. M/s Shriji Mailing Service 5. M/s Spread Mailing Service 6. M/s Virat Mailing Service 7. M/s Maruti Mailing Services 8. M/s Balaji Enterprise 9. M/s Pushpak Mailing Service 10. M/s Power Mailing Service 11. M/s Boss Mailing Service
7	Haryana	Nil
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Nil
9.	Jharkhand	Nil
10.	J&K	Nil
11.	Karnataka	Nil
12.	Kerala	Nil
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Nil
14.	Maharashtra	Nil
15.	North East	Nil
16.	Orissa	Nil
17.	Punjab	Nil
18.	Rajasthan	Nil
19.	Tamilnadu	Nil
20.	Uttar Pradesh	1. DL-5/99 issued by SSPOs South West Division, New Delhi.
21.	Uttranchal	Nil
22.	West Bengal	Nil